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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	30597	Agenda Number	24.
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Meeting Date:	February 27, 2014
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Approve ratification of an emergency contract with DXI INDUSTRIES, INC., for the purchase of liquid sulfur dioxide for the Austin Water Utility in an amount of \$60,500.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	Emergency Purchase.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Stephen Aden, Contract Manager, 972-4040
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Boards and Commission Action:	February 12, 2014 – Unanimously approved by Water and Wastewater Commission on a 7-0 vote.
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Related Items:	
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MBE / WBE:	This contract was awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9D (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). This was an emergency service contract; therefore, it is exempted under Chapter 791 of the Texas Local Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.
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Additional Backup Information

On January 8, 2014, it was determined that an emergency purchase of sulfur dioxide for de-chlorination of wastewater effluent was necessary. The current provider's firm was bought out and this purchase was necessary until a new contract could be establish.

Sulfur Dioxide is used to de-chlorinate the wastewater effluent prior to discharging into the river. This process is required by state discharge permits. It is critical to protecting the environment. Failure to remove the chlorine causes the death of fish and disrupts the ecosystem of the receiving stream and can have negative impact for downstream users.

This procurement was necessary to preserve and protect the public health and safety of the City's residents.